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Board of Selectmen

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WEARE BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES JANUARY 25, 2006

****FINAL****

GUESTS: LAURA BUONO, CHAIRMAN; LEON METHOT, VICE CHAIRMAN;
HELEEN KURK, SELECTMAN; DONNA M. OSBORNE, SELECTMAN;
JOSEPH M. FIALA, SELECTMAN.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR: Naomi L. Bolton, Interim

RECORDING SECRETARY: None

GUESTS: Gene Propper; Steven Najjar; Frank Campana; Peter Buono; Carl Knapp; Andrea Alderman; Donna Meuse.

7:00 PM Chairman Laura Buono called the meeting to order.

- 1. DEPARTMENT HEAD** – Andrea Alderman, Conservation Commission member was present to share with the Board a letter that the Conservation Commission would like to mail out prior to the deliberative session on Saturday, February 4, 2006. The Board of Selectmen was supportive of this mailer. Ms. Alderman stated that what she needed from the board was a signature on the form for the post office to use the Town's bulk stamp permit. Chairman Buono signed the form.

Steve Najjar stated that there was one small issue with the purchase and sales agreement for the Ferrante land, which was that the agreement stated the Town was purchasing 608 acres and he would like to add more or less (+/-) behind the acreage. The board all agreed that would be fine. Mr. Najjar thanked the board for all their support on this project.

- 2. BUDGET WORK SESSION** – The Board was looking to wrap up the budget numbers to be prepared for the final public hearing on Monday, January 30, 2006. The board met with the Library and the Fire Department on Saturday, January 21, 2006. Gene Propper was present for the Parks and Recreation Commission. Carl Knapp, Public Works Director was also present.

The board went over the proposed cuts for the 2006 budget for the Parks and Recreation Department. The first was to reduce the part time director amount from \$6,500 to \$5,000. The second was to reduce the senior line from \$2,500 to \$1,500. The third was to reduce the recreation activities from \$4,000 to \$2,500. The Board didn't want to have the department take the cuts personally as they are not meant to be. The bottom line is that the Town needs to trim and felt that this could help. The Board also stated that it is not just this department that is being trimmed; the Fire Department, Police Department and Public Works Department are also being asked to trim.

Chairman Buono stated that at this point in the meeting the board needs to go into a short non-public session with Donna Meuse, Welfare Officer.

3. **NON-PUBLIC SESSION** – Chairman Buono moved to enter into non-public session at 7:45 PM pursuant to RSA 91-A: 3 II (c), Selectman Methot seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken: Selectman Methot – yes; Selectman Osborne – yes; Selectman Buono – yes; Selectman Kurk – yes; Selectmen – Fiala.

In attendance were all of the board members, Naomi L. Bolton, Interim Town Administrator and Donna Meuse, Welfare Officer. The purpose of this non-public was to discuss a welfare applicant.

Chairman Buono moved to exit the non-public session at 8:02 PM, Selectman Kurk seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken: Selectman Methot – yes; Selectman Osborne – yes; Selectman Buono – yes; Selectman Kurk – yes; Selectman Fiala – yes.

Chairman Buono moved to seal and restrict the minutes of the non-public session pursuant to the authority granted in RSA 91-A:3 III, Selectman Methot seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken: Selectman Methot – yes; Selectman Osborne – yes; Selectman Buono – yes; Selectman Kurk – yes; Selectman Fiala – yes.

4. **BUDGET WORK SESSION CONTINUED** – Chairman Buono made a motion to accept the proposal as submitted by Tina Pelletier with the stipulation that all the rates of pay for all employees involved are to stay at the current rates, Selectman Osborne seconded the motion. The board voted unanimous, 5 in favor and 0 opposed.

Carl Knapp, Public Works Director stated that he has looked through his budgets for proposed cuts and he stated that in the Water Department he could give up \$1,000 for the water testing. The reasons were that the tests have been coming back good and that with the removal of the fire station the number of tests will be reduced. The only other place he felt he could possibly cut is the roadside mowing. Mr. Knapp stated that if he gives it up each year it will just be prolonging problems. The board felt that was important and decided to leave the road side money in there.

After the work session held this past Saturday and tonight, the selectmen felt they have put together the 2006 proposed operating budget. The proposed budget is 8.6% higher than the 2005. Some of the items that are out the Boards control is the electricity increase of 12%, the gasoline/diesel fuel prices, the home heating prices, the contract with Avatar for the revaluation, etc. Chairman Buono stated that she will make the final changes from tonight's meeting and forward it to Naomi. Naomi will then print it and make copies for everyone for Monday night.

The board asked Naomi to get a copy of the MS-4 form that was filed in the fall to see what revenues are still missing. The revenue needs to be finalized on Monday night as well.

5. **TOWN ADMINISTRATOR SEARCH** –The Board had Merry Rice get them prices to run another advertisement for a Town Administrator. Prices were given for the Nashua Telegraph, Concord Monitor and Union Leader. The Local Government Center (LGC) web site is free for the Town. The Town web site is free as well. The board agreed to have the ad run for two Sundays in the Union Leader only and see what happens.
6. **ADJOURNMENT** – As there was no further business to come before the board, Chairman Buono moved to adjourn at 10:15 PM, Selectman Kurk seconded the motion, all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Naomi L. Bolton
Interim Town Administrator